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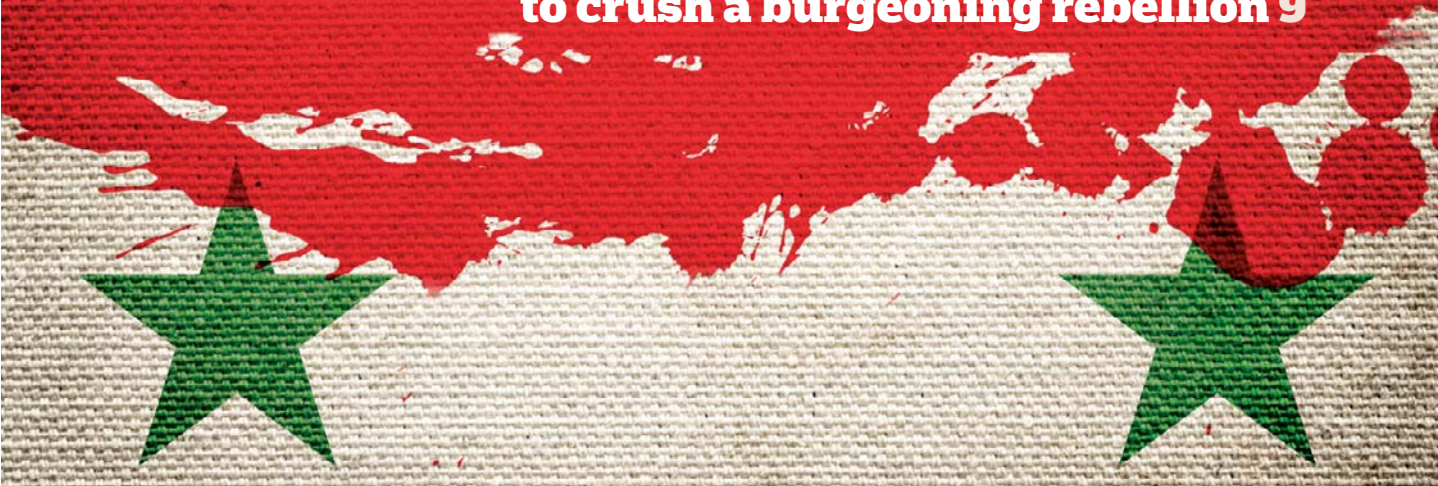


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A Palmetto, Fla., woman found a 7-foot alligator in her bathroom Saturday. Alexis Dunbar says she screamed and the alligator hissed. An officer from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission eventually removed the alligator. Dunbar believes the animal used a dog door to get inside the house. (AP)

THE LAW

And That's Why We Have To Allow Celebrities to Talk

A Mason, Ohio, man charged with taunting a police dog by barking at it wants First Amendment protection. Ryan James Stephens' attorney says barking may not be intelligent speech, but it is "still speech." The police report for the April 3 incident quoted Stephens as saying "the dog started it." (AP)

MINING

'Also, Here's Some Copper'

Police say two boys, ages 12 and 9, drove a large excavator at a Pennsylvania strip mine Thursday, smashing a bulldozer in the process. The 12-year-old will be charged with felony criminal mischief in Greene County Juvenile Court; the other boy is too young to be charged. The boys caused \$164,000 in damage and said they did it because they were bored. (AP)

The Big Picture

CHARLES DHARAPAK/AP



EYES ON THE PRIZE: Miranda Husband, 11, center, and Issac Husband, 9, left, of Greencastle, Pa., roll Easter eggs on the South Lawn of the White House on Monday at the annual White House Easter Egg Roll. (AP)

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GOP Campaign 2012 Field Tapers

Republican candidate cluster thins as Gov. Barbour drops out

Jackson, Miss.

Republican Gov. Haley Barbour bowed out of presidential contention Monday with a surprise announcement just as the 2012 campaign was getting under way in earnest, 18 months before Election Day. The Mississippi governor said he lacked the necessary "absolute fire in the belly" to run.

Barbour's declaration, unexpected because he had been laying the groundwork for a campaign for months, thins a Republican cluster of no less than a dozen potential candidates to take on Democratic President Obama.

With the GOP campaign's first debate scheduled for next week, the muddy Republican field will become clearer very soon as more potential contenders announce whether they'll run or sit out. As the GOP race comes into sharper focus, Obama is working to both prevent an erosion of his support



SUSAN WALSH/AP

GOP Gov. Haley Barbour announces Monday he will not be running for president.

"All eyes will be on [Mitch] Daniels. It's a clear path for him if he wants to run"

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while under Republican attack and to raise enough money to overwhelm his eventual foe. He's been packing his schedule with fundraisers and visits to battleground states as he gears up for what he says will be a

tough campaign. Yet, the GOP faces plenty of its own troubles. Its field lacks a front-runner. Most of the candidates are largely unknown to Republicans. The most recent Associated Press-GfK poll indicat-

Clock Is Ticking

So far, former Massachusetts governor Mitt Romney and former Minnesota governor Tim Pawlenty have set up presidential exploratory committees. Former House speaker Newt Gingrich is expected to make his campaign official as early as next week. Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann and New York real estate mogul Donald Trump are weighing bids; former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum has inched toward the race; and Sarah Palin and Mike Huckabee have left the door open to candidacies. (AP)

ed that only half of all Republicans were satisfied by their choices and a third were dissatisfied.

Unlike four years ago, GOP presidential hopefuls have been hesitant to rush into the race. Many have been mindful of the long slog and huge costs of a campaign. Several also have been waiting to see what the first half of the year would bring, when the focus would be on the new House GOP majority and its tangles with the Democratic administration. (AP)

In Brief

HOUSTON

Texas Hospital: Giffords Can Attend Launch

Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., can fly to Florida this week to watch her astronaut husband rocket into space as commander of the space shuttle Endeavour, but she will return shortly after the launch to resume rehabilitation, her doctors in Houston confirmed on Monday. (AP)

BOISE, IDAHO

Rescuers Discover Body Of Trapped Idaho Miner

For nine days, miners more than a mile underground burrowed around the clock to reach one of their own caught in a cave-in — never wavering from calling the effort a rescue mission. That changed Sunday as officials announced the death of 53-year-old Larry Marek. (AP)

LITTLETON, COLO.

FBI Names Suspect in Mall Fire, Attempted Bombing

The FBI on Sunday alerted field offices covering all 50 states and Puerto Rico to be on the lookout for Earl Albert Moore, 65, the suspect in the Wednesday fire and attempted bombing at Southwest Plaza Mall in Colorado. (AP)



Moore



Misery Loves Company: Researchers who study how people's sense of well-being varies from place to place decided to compare their findings with suicide rates. The surprising result: The happiest places sometimes also have the highest suicide rates. The study, slated for publication in the *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, ranked Utah, left, as the No. 1 state for residents' sense of well-being, but it also scored a high No. 9 in suicide rate. (AP)

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Fed Weighs Next Move

Government to end bond program, shift focus to inflation

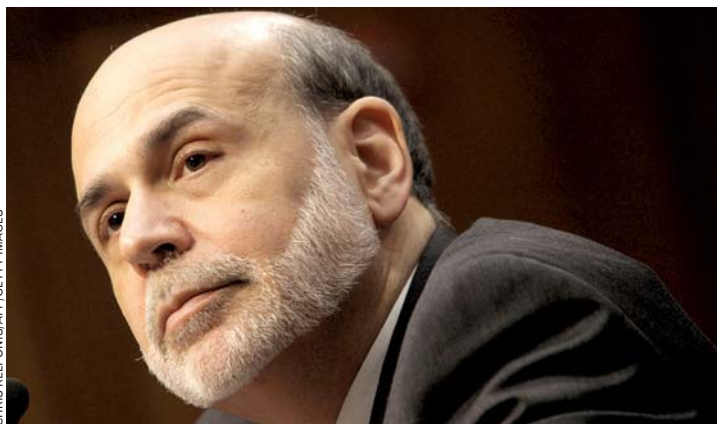
Washington

The Federal Reserve is increasingly confident in the economy and about to end a \$600 billion program to support it. Now for the next step — figuring out how to keep inflation from taking off.

Since late last year, the Fed has bought government bonds to keep interest rates low. Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues are expected to signal this week that they will allow the program to expire as scheduled in June.

The end of the bond-buying program would mean that, aside from tax cuts, almost all the extraordinary measures the government took to prop up the economy are over. Congress is fighting over how deeply to cut federal spending, not whether to spend more for a stimulus.

Since the Fed announced the plan last August, worries that the economy would fall back into recession have all but disappeared. The private sector is adding jobs, and



Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke, who wants to make the Fed more of an open institution, will take an unprecedented step by holding a press conference Wednesday.

Money Talks

The Federal Reserve's decision to end the bond-buying program comes at a time when Congress and the White House are fighting over how deeply they should cut federal spending over the next decade to curb the nation's budget deficit. The deficit is on track to be a record \$1.5 trillion this year. House Republicans have passed a plan that would slash spending by nearly \$6 trillion over the next decade. President Obama wants \$4 trillion in spending cuts over 12 years. (AP)

the stock market is at its highest point since the summer of 2008.

But higher oil and food prices pose a threat. If companies are forced to raise prices quickly to make up for escalating costs, that could start a spiral of inflation. Exactly how much of a threat inflation poses to the economy right now is a matter of disagreement within the central bank.

A vocal minority believes the Fed may need to raise interest rates by the end of this year. The Fed has kept its benchmark interest rate near zero since December 2008. JEANNINE AVERSA (AP)

38 The number of pages in a questionnaire jury candidates must fill out to be considered for the corruption retrial of ousted Illinois governor Rod Blagojevich. The search for a jury continued to move at a swifter pace Monday, with several potential jurors telling the judge during five-minute interviews that they could put aside what they have read and heard about the case and be impartial. Blagojevich is facing 20 charges and denies any wrongdoing. (AP)

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Supreme Court Rejects Review Of Health Law

Washington

The Supreme Court rejected a call Monday from Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli to put review of the health care law on a fast track. Instead, judicial review of President Obama's signature legislation will continue in federal appeals courts.

The justices turned down a request by Cuccinelli to resolve questions about its constitutionality quickly. The case still could reach the high court in time for a decision by early summer 2012. (AP)

Texas May Strip Transgender Marriage Rights

Austin, Texas

Two years after Texas became one of the last states to allow transgendered people to use proof of their sex change to get a marriage license, Republican lawmakers are trying to roll back the clock.

Advocates for the transgendered say a proposal to bar transgendered people from getting married smacks of discrimination and would put their legally granted marriages in danger of being nullified if challenged in court. (AP)

Residents Across U.S. Prepare for Flooding



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

RICKY LEWIS, LEFT, AND BRANDI RUSH fill sandbags Monday in Utica, Ind. Residents along the rain-swollen valleys of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers evacuated their homes before predicted flooding. Forecasters also called for severe storms and flooding in Missouri and from Kentucky to Arkansas early this week.

Hearsay

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MOSCOW

Medvedev Hints He Won't Pursue Re-Election in '12

Medvedev

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said Monday he might take a job as the "guardian angel" of high-tech business when he leaves office, in a clear hint that he may not seek re-election. Medvedev was chosen for the presidency by his predecessor, Vladimir Putin, who is prime minister. Putin is widely expected to reclaim the presidency in 2012. (AP)

SAN'A, YEMEN

Activist: Yemeni Troops Open Fire on Protesters

Forces loyal to President Ali Abdullah attacked protesters calling for his ouster in a southern city, injuring dozens, a Yemeni activist said Monday. Nuh al-Wafi said troops fired bullets and tear gas Monday into thousands of demonstrators in the city of Taiz. (AP)

ABU DHABI, UAE

5 Activists Reportedly Arrested for Dissent

The United Arab Emirates detained five activists, who all signed a pro-democracy petition last month, on accusations of "opposing the government," the Emirati state news agency said Monday. Political activity is severely restricted in the UAE, an alliance of seven semiautonomous states allied to the U.S. (AP)

ISLAMABAD

WikiLeaks Trove Reveals U.S. List of Terror Groups

Guantanamo Bay prison authorities named Pakistan's main intelligence agency a terrorist organization along with Hamas and about 60 other international militant networks, according to documents released Sunday by the WikiLeaks website. The 2007 documents from the Guantanamo Bay prison were part of a batch of classified material that included interrogation summaries from more than 700 detainees. (AP)

Missiles Pile Pressure on Gadhafi

Coalition airstrikes take aim at Libyan leader's compound

Tripoli, Libya

The latest NATO airstrike on Moammar Gadhafi's compound that reduced parts of it to a smoldering ruin of broken concrete slabs and twisted wires Monday stepped up pressure on the increasingly embattled Libyan leader who is struggling to hold onto the western half of the country.

A Libyan government spokesman denounced the bombing as a failed assassination attempt, saying the 69-year-old leader was healthy, "in high spirits" and carrying on business as usual.



Italy Steps Up

Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi on Monday said Italy will take part in strategic bombing raids in NATO's Libya mission. Berlusconi's office said in a statement that Italy had decided to beef up its military action in Libya to better contribute to protecting civilians. Italy had previously said it would not participate in airstrikes against Libyan targets, given its 40-year colonial rule over the country. (AP)

A separate airstrike elsewhere in Tripoli targeted Libyan TV and temporarily knocked it off the air, a government spokesman said.

Since the uprising erupted in mid-February, Gadhafi has clung to control in the western half of Libya, while opposition forces run most of the east. A NATO campaign of airstrikes has sought to break a

Meanwhile

Pro-government troops on Monday shelled the city of Misrata, killing at least 10, after a week-end that belied government claims its troops were holding fire as they withdrew from the city where hundreds have died.

battlefield stalemate, and the U.S. last week added armed Predator drones to the mission.

NATO said its latest airstrike sought to destroy a communications headquarters used to coordinate attacks on civilians. A spokesman for the alliance said it is increasingly targeting facilities linked to Gadhafi's regime.

In the attack on Gadhafi's Bab al-Aziziya compound, which was at least the third NATO strike on the site in the capital, two powerful guided bombs struck a multistory library and office building.

Government spokesman Mousa Ibrahim said three people were killed and 45 wounded by the airstrikes. However, a security official at the scene had said four people were slightly hurt. (AP)

Mourners Gather in India Over Guru's Passing



DEVOTEES LINE UP on Monday in Puttaparti, India, to pay their final respects to Sathya Sai Baba, an Indian religious leader revered by millions for spiritual and healing powers. Sai Baba died Sunday at 84. Thousands have trekked to a spiritual center, called an ashram, to see his body. Piles of shoes, removed by those entering the ashram, lined the road on Monday.



SAFETY

Flights Plan Cleared

The disruptive closing of many airports after last year's volcanic eruption in Iceland may have saved lives, a study published Tuesday says. The ash could have caused jet engines to fail and sandblasted plane windows to the point where it would be impossible to see out, according to a study led by Sigurdur Gislason of the University of Iceland. The eruptions began at Eyjafjallajökull on April 14, 2010, and forced many countries in northern Europe to shut their airspace between April 15-20. The shutdown cost airlines more than \$2 billion. (AP)

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The decrease in Toyota's car production in Japan seen last month, due to a parts shortage following the March 11 earthquake and tsunami, Toyota Motor Corp. said Monday. The world's top-selling automaker in 2010 said its domestic production in March was 129,491 vehicles, the lowest since 1976. (AP)

A Call to Halt Nuclear Energy in Europe



DIMITAR DILKOFF/AP/GETTY IMAGES

ANTI-NUCLEAR ENERGY PROTESTERS MARCH Monday in Belene, Bulgaria, near the construction site of the country's second nuclear plant. Similar demonstrations occurred across Europe ahead of the 25th anniversary Tuesday of the horrific Chernobyl nuclear disaster in the former Soviet Union.

A Grim Hunt for Bodies in Japan

Shichigahamamachi, Japan

A line of soldiers walked methodically through a drained swamp Monday, sinking slender poles into the muck with each step.

If one hit a body, a soldier would know.

"Bodies feel very distinctive," said Michihiro Ose, a spokesman for the Japanese army's 22nd infantry regiment.

The men in the town of Shichigahamamachi were among 25,000 troops given the morbid duty of searching the rubble, the seas and the swamps of northeastern Japan for the nearly 12,000 people still missing in last month's



HIRO KOMAE/AP

A soldier slogs through mud on Monday, searching for tsunami victims in Japan.

earthquake and tsunami. More than 14,300 people have been confirmed dead.

In another part of town, several dozen soldiers cleared mountains of rubble by hand. Four people in the

neighborhood were missing, said 67-year-old Sannojo Watanabe.

"That was my house right there," he said, pointing to a foundation with nothing atop it.

The two-day operation was the biggest military search since the March 11 disaster. Officials hoped the troops, backed by police, coast guard and U.S. forces, would make significant progress. By Monday evening, they had found 38 bodies, the military said.

After the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, bodies turned up along the Indonesian coast for months. But 37,000 of the 164,000 people who died in Indonesia disappeared, their bodies presumably washed out to sea. (AP)

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World



A police officer looks down the tunnel into the main prison in Kandahar on Monday.

Brazen Jailbreak A Blow to Afghans

Taliban tunnel frees
480 inmates from
prison in the south

Kandahar, Afghanistan

While ground fighting eased during the long Afghan winter, insurgents in the former Taliban headquarters of Kandahar were apparently busy underground.

The Taliban say they spent more than five months building a 1,050-foot tunnel to the main prison in southern Afghanistan. The diggers poked through on Sunday and spent the night ferrying away more than 480 inmates, mostly Taliban fighters, through that tunnel to a house at the other end, according to Afghan officials and the Taliban.

The daring prison break, after a recent wave of assassinations here,

underscores the weakness of the Afghan government in the south despite an influx of international troops, funding and advisers. It also highlights the resourcefulness of the Taliban, despite months of setbacks.

A Taliban statement said it took about four hours for all the inmates to escape, and officials at Sarposa prison in Kandahar city say they discovered the breach about 4 a.m. Monday. It was unclear why guards would not have heard the diggers punch through the cement floor.

Police mounted a search operation for the escapees. They shot and killed two inmates and re-arrested 26, said Tooryalai Wesa, the provincial governor.

"This is a blow," presidential spokesman Waheed Omar said. "A prison break of this magnitude of course points to a vulnerability." (AP)

Hearsay

"You [Americans] had your whole revolution to get rid of them! And now you want them! Take them! Just take them!"

— **MICHAEL URWIN**, A PUB OWNER IN CENTRAL LONDON, DISCUSSING THE WIDESPREAD FASCINATION, PARTICULARLY IN THE U.S., WITH THE UPCOMING WEDDING OF PRINCE WILLIAM AND KATE MIDDLETON ON FRIDAY. URWIN IS PLANNING TO THROW A PARTY THAT DAY AT HIS PUB, BUFFALO BAR, CALLED "[EXPLETIVE] THE ROYAL WEDDING."

Bloody Warning in Daraa

A fierce government crackdown strikes at the birthplace of the resistance in Syria

Beirut

Thousands of soldiers backed by tanks and snipers moved in before dawn to the city where Syria's anti-government uprising began, causing panic in the streets when they opened fire indiscriminately on civilians and went house to house rounding up suspected protesters. At least 11 people were killed and 14 others lay in the streets — either dead or gravely wounded, witnesses said.

The military raids on the southern city of Daraa and at least two other areas suggested Syria is trying to impose military control on the centers of protests against President Bashar Assad, whose family has ruled Syria for four decades. Residents and human rights activists said the regime wants to terrify opponents and intimidate them from staging any more demonstrations.

The offensive was meticulously planned: Electricity, water and mobile phone services were cut. Security agents armed with guns and knives conducted house-to-house sweeps, neighborhoods were sectioned off, and checkpoints were erected before the sun rose.

"They have snipers firing on everybody who is moving," said a witness who spoke to The Associated Press by telephone.

"They aren't discriminating. There are snipers on the mosque. They are firing at everybody," he said.

The massive assault into Daraa appeared to be part of a new strategy for crippling pre-emptive strikes against any opposition to Assad, rather than reacting to marches and protests. Other crackdowns and sweeping arrests were reported on the outskirts of Damascus and the coastal town of Jableh, drawing more international condemnation.



A boy stands in Daraya, Syria, on Monday, to protest the bloodshed in Daraa, where government troops reportedly opened fire.



International Condemnation

The Obama administration has begun drawing up sanctions against Syrian President Bashar Assad and his inner circle, officials said Monday, as the White House escalated U.S. condemnation of the crackdown against protesters. Syria already is subject to penalties, as it is deemed a "state sponsor of terrorism" by the State Department, but it maintains diplomatic relations with Washington. Meanwhile, France, Britain, Germany and Portugal urged the U.N. Security Council to condemn the bloodshed. (AP)

"Let Obama come and take Syria. Let Israel come and take Syria. Let the Jews come. Anything is better than Bashar Assad."

— ONE DARA A RESIDENT, SPEAKING TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS OVER THE PHONE ON MONDAY AFTER SYRIAN FORCES BEGAN A BLOODY CRACKDOWN IN THE CITY.

But the assault on Daraa, an impoverished city on the Jordanian border, was by far the biggest in scope and firepower. Video shot by activists purported to show tanks rolling through streets and over fields. Youths pelted the passing tanks with stones, the video showed.

Witnesses said busloads of troops poured in before dawn, and snipers took up positions on the roofs of houses and high buildings while other security agents searched houses for suspected protesters.

Razan Zeitounia, a human rights activist in Damascus, said the widespread arrests — including of men along with their families — appear to be an attempt to intimidate protesters and set an example for the rest of the country.

More than 350 people have been killed across the country since the uprising began in mid-March. But the relentless crackdowns have only emboldened protesters, who started with calls for modest reforms but are now increasingly demanding Assad's downfall.



The grip of Syria's forces is weaker on the border areas than around the capital, Damascus, and Daraa hasn't benefited from recent years of economic growth and has absorbed many rural migrants who can no longer farm after years of drought. Monday's sweep sought to hit the opposition movement at one of its pillars. The protests began in Daraa in mid-March with the arrest of teenagers who scrawled anti-government graffiti, and several political figures from the area have stepped down to protest the violence in embarrassing defections from President Bashar Assad's regime. (AP)

"We need international intervention," shouted a witness in Daraa. "We need countries to help us."

An eyewitness counted 11 corpses, with another 14 lying in the streets, apparently dead or gravely injured.

Assad has blamed most of the unrest on a "foreign conspiracy" and armed thugs, and has used state media to push his accusations. On Monday, Syria's state-run television repeatedly ran lingering, gruesome close-ups of dead soldiers, to back up their claims that they were under attack.

Syria has banned nearly all foreign media and restricted access to trouble spots since the uprising began, making it nearly impossible to get independent assessments. (AP)

Dulles Rail Meeting Suggested

Officials take first step to discuss opposition to underground station

Silver Line

The chairman of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors has suggested that officials opposed to the underground location of a Metrorail stop at Dulles meet with airports authority officials during the next meeting of the Dulles Corridor Advisory Committee.

Scott K. York said in a letter to Charles D. Snelling, chairman of the board of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority,

that such a meeting could occur during the first or second week of May. Snelling said in a letter last week that he was willing to discuss the board's recent decision with officials opposed to the underground location of a rail stop, which is estimated to cost up to \$330 million more than an aboveground site. Federal, state and local lawmakers have opposed the decision due to its cost.

York said he consulted with other parties to Snelling's original letter, including Virginia Secretary of Transportation Sean T. Connaughton and Sharon Bulova, chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Reversal Sought

Virginia Gov. Robert F. McDonnell Monday asked the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority to reconsider its decision to build an underground Metro stop at Dulles. In a letter to authority board chairman Charles D. Snelling, McDonnell called the decision "a stunning reversal of the collaborative decision making process, involving all funding partners, used during Phase 1." (THE WASHINGTON POST)

In his letter, York said he is concerned about the authority's ability to finance Phase 2 of the rail extension, due to increases in

the cost estimates, and the effect of the costs on fees on the Dulles Toll Road.

The first phase of the Metro-rail extension, which is costing \$2.75 billion, connects with the existing rail system near East Falls Church and consists of four stations in Tysons Corner and one at Wiehle Avenue in Reston. It is scheduled to open in 2013.

The second phase would run from Wiehle Avenue to Ashburn in eastern Loudoun and is projected to cost \$3.5 billion with an underground Dulles station. The original estimate was \$2.5 billion. The phase is estimated to open in 2017. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Local

Council Race Wide Open

Nine hopefuls vying for at-large D.C. seat in special election

Washington

Candidates running in Tuesday's special election for an at-large seat on the D.C. Council spent the week-end pleading for votes at farmers markets and churches and on front porches across the District, capping a campaign that could be decided by a few hundred votes.

In a race that has the potential to alter the balance of power on a council governing a rapidly changing city, the eight men and one woman running in the citywide election said they will keep fighting for votes until the polls close at 8 p.m. Tuesday.

When Kwame Brown, above, left his at-large seat to become chairman of the council, it opened up a slot on the panel.

The candidates largely agree on many major issues, meaning the race will probably hinge on what sort of message voters want to send to a council and mayor dealing with recent scandals and a looming budget debate that could pit the city's wealthiest residents against some of its poorest.

The candidates with the best chance to win appear to be former council member Vincent B. Orange and council member Sekou Biddle, both Democrats, and Patrick Mara, the school board representative from Ward 1 who, if elected, would be the only Republican on the panel.

At-Large Special Election Candidates

Of the nine running, only one, Patrick Mara, is a Republican.



Sekou Biddle



Josh Lopez



Patrick Mara



Bryan Weaver



Vincent Orange



Alan Page



Dorothy Douglas



Tom Brown



Arkan Haile

But with only a fraction of the city's 459,000 registered voters expected to show up at the polls, the election represents the best chance in years for new blocs of voters or those affiliated with minor parties to make an impact.

For example, the election will be a test of whether a new generation of politically active bloggers and environmental and progressive activists can mobilize enough support for their preferred candidate, Democrat Bryan Weaver of Adams Morgan.

"The voters are going to tell us in this special election which direction they want the city to go in."

— DAVID A. CATANIA, D.C. COUNCIL MEMBER, I-AT-LARGE.

The election also will determine whether the young Democratic activists who backed ex-mayor Adrian M. Fenty (D) last year have a new leader in Joshua Lopez (D).

Lopez was at the helm of the write-in campaign for Fenty in the fall's general election after the then-mayor lost to Vincent C. Gray in the Democratic primary.

Also running as Democrats for the at-large seat are education activist Tom Brown, a political newcomer who has impressed observers at forums, and Ward 7 school board member Dorothy Douglas. D.C. Statehood Green Party candidate Alan Page and lawyer Arkan Haile, an independent, also will be on the ballot. **TIM CRAIG** (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Generous Heritage: The University of Maryland School of Law is being renamed following a \$30 million gift from the W.P. Carey Foundation. The school announced the gift during a ceremony Monday afternoon with Gov. Martin O'Malley, left, faculty and alumni. The school will be renamed the Francis King Carey School of Law, after Mr. Carey's grandfather, an 1880 graduate. The school says the gift will be used to establish a general endowment. (AP)



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Local



MPD officers monitor visitors outside of the National Zoo after a stabbing on Monday.

Stabbing Mars Post-Easter Family Day Event at Zoo

Washington

A young person was found stabbed and seriously wounded just outside the entrance to the National Zoo on Monday shortly after a group of people were ejected from the zoo for fighting, authorities said.

The victim was identified by police only as "a young male, possibly a juvenile." A zoo spokeswoman said it was unclear whether the victim had been involved in the earlier altercation. It was also unclear whether the stabbing occurred on or off zoo property, she said.

Pete Piringer, a D.C. fire department spokesman, said the victim was found bleeding shortly after 4 p.m. outside an apartment building in the 2900 block of Connecticut Avenue NW, near the zoo entrance. He described the wounds as possibly life-threatening.

The fight in the zoo broke out about 3:30 p.m. in the vicinity of the small mammal house, authorities said. Zoo spokeswoman Jodi Legge said the zoo's police force ejected an unspecified number of people, many of them juveniles, as a result of the fight.

Legge said the zoo was "extremely crowded" Monday.

Besides the many children attending the zoo's annual day-after-Easter celebration, including games, food and live music, the zoo was crowded to capacity with tourists and youngsters on spring break, Legge said.

The annual Easter Monday celebration was marred in 2000 when a teenager, in a dispute with teens from another neighborhood, shot and wounded seven people at the zoo's main entrance. A year later, the shooter was sentenced to 25 years in prison.

(THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Evening Lucky Numbers (Sun.)	1-2-2	
Mid-day DC 4	4-7-0-4	
Evening DC 4 (Sun.)	9-6-0-0	
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Evening D.C. Five (Sun.)	7-6-9-9-7	
Maryland		
Mid-day Pick 3	3-4-1	
Evening Pick 3 (Sun.)	7-1-7	
Mid-day Pick 4	4-8-7-9	
Evening Pick 4 (Sun.)	5-7-7-6	
Match 5 (Sun.)	6-20-22-29-34 (9)	
Virginia		
Mid-day Pick 3	4-7-5	
Evening Pick 3 (Sun.)	9-6-0	
Mid-day Pick 4	9-9-9-7	
Evening Pick 4 (Sun.)	4-8-7-9	
Mid-day Cash 5 (Sun.)	7-10-12-14-31	
Evening Cash 5 (Sun.)	1-9-14-15-26	

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Grasping for Gems

Unfortunately for the Redskins, late-round picks rarely pay off

The Redskins

They're trying to build a perennial contender, but coach Mike Shanahan and the Washington Redskins find themselves a few cinder blocks, planks and nails short. Again.

The Redskins do indeed have eight draft picks — one first-rounder, a second-rounder, two fifth-rounders, a sixth-rounder and three seventh-rounders. But because they don't have picks in the third and fourth rounds, the Redskins basically have only two picks of real quality.

Yes, every pick is important, and there's always a chance of finding an overlooked jewel in the later rounds, but the percentages aren't

"The late-round picks — they're not worth much in a trade situation."

— CHARLEY CASSERLY, FORMER NFL GENERAL MANAGER, TV ANALYST

great at all.

Former Redskins and Texans general manager/NFL analyst Charley Casserly conducted a 10-year study that revealed round-by-round percentages of draft picks' developing into successful players. Casserly defined "successful" as a player developing into a starter within four years of being drafted.

First-round draft picks have a 75 percent chance of success, Casserly found. Second-rounders: 50 percent. Third-rounders: 30 percent. Fourth-rounders: 25 percent. Fifth-rounders: 20 percent. Sixth-rounders: 9 percent. Seventh-rounders: 9 percent.

"The higher the player is draft-



Chris Samuels mans the Redskins' draft table last year. Samuels was picked third overall in 2000 and played for 10 seasons.

Labor Dispute

Lockout Lifted, for Now

A federal judge on Monday ordered an end to the NFL lockout, giving the players an early victory in their fight with the owners over how to divide the \$9 billion business. U.S. District Judge Susan Richard Nelson said she was swayed by the players' argument that the lockout, now in its second month, was causing irreparable harm to their careers. The NFL promised an immediate appeal. Owners imposed the lockout after talks broke down March 11 and the players disbanded their union. (AP)

ed, the more chance for success. ... You can always pick one of those 9-percenters, but there's a lot more high up over the long run," Casserly said.

Makes sense that there's a significantly higher chance for success in the first round than the seventh round. That's why they're first-round draft picks.

Redskins General Manager Bruce Allen said not having third- and fourth-round picks "doesn't hurt right now at all" and said if the Redskins draft well late, they will make up for it. But for a team hoping to acquire more picks or

needing to move here or there in the draft, not having those picks can indeed hurt. Because in addition to carrying a low success rate, those fifth- through seventh-round picks also carry very little trade value.

"The late-round picks — they're not worth much in a trade situation, so you can't even factor them into this," Casserly says.

Say the Redskins use the 10th pick and wanted to try to move back into the first round because they were worried a Jake Locker, Andy Dalton or Phil Taylor wouldn't be left by the time their second-round

pick came around. Well, that 41st pick with a collection of fifth-, sixth- or seventh-rounders aren't very attractive. Third- and fourth-rounders are a different story.

So the Redskins' best hope for acquiring more picks is to use the 10th overall pick as a bargaining chip, not dangling a collection of fifth-, sixth- or seventh-rounders.

"Certainly, not having a third and a fourth hurt them, which is why it would seem with the 10th pick they would try to trade down," Casserly says. "There may be some value in that pick so they can get back some picks in the middle round. The tough thing about this is, the third-round pick has about a 30 percent chance of being a starter, the fourth-round pick about a 25 percent chance. Those aren't great odds, but we all can point to players that were taken in those rounds that went on to be great players. Chris Cooley was a third-rounder, and he's been a very productive player." **MIKE JONES (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

Redskins Draft Prospects



Jake Locker
Quarterback, Washington

Basics: Locker is a great athlete and tremendous leader, but his football skills — particularly his accuracy — have been questioned. Playing behind a suspect offensive line, he completed only 54 percent of his passes during his college career. At 6-foot-2, 231 pounds, he's not as tall as some other options.

Why he might fit: First, Locker will likely be available at the No. 10 pick. He's athletic and has a big arm. He managed to put up solid numbers with very little talent around him.



Ryan Mallett
Quarterback, Arkansas

Basics: At 6-foot-6 and 238 pounds, Mallett has the physical stature the Redskins prefer in a quarterback. He threw for more than 3,500 yards in each of the past two seasons for the Razorbacks, setting school records for career yards and touchdowns.

Why he might fit: Most expect the Redskins to use one of their first two picks on a quarterback. Mallett has a strong arm and shouldn't have any problems with a vertical passing game. Nearly one-quarter of his college completions were for 20 yards or more.

Blackhawks Dig for More Magic

Victory would give Chicago fourth-ever comeback down 0-3

Pro Hockey

Ben Smith tuned in to the advice of his Blackhawks teammates, the ones who won the Stanley Cup a year ago. Even when they lost the first three games of this year's opening-round series to the Vancouver Canucks, there was still a chance.

"It's never over until you lose that fourth game. The older guys harped on that," Smith said Sunday night after his overtime goal gave the Blackhawks a 4-3 victory and sent the spirited series back to Rogers Arena for a deciding Game 7 on Tuesday.

"It wouldn't say it's amazing. It's something we all hoped for. Down 3-0 nobody panicked," Smith said. "Nobody quit."



Blackhawks center Michael Frolik (67) after his third-period goal in Game 6 Sunday.

Vancouver had the best record in the NHL this season and had command of the series. And the Canucks came out fast and hard Sunday night in what turned into a remarkable game in the ear-

splitting United Center. Coach Alain Vigneault said it was Vancouver's best game of the series, despite the loss.

After lopsided Chicago wins in Games 4 and 5, Vigneault mixed

it up. He went with backup Cory Schneider in goal after struggling Roberto Luongo had yielded 10 goals in 40 shots over the previous two games.

It turns out Luongo was back on the ice in the third period and overtime Sunday because Schneider was injured — he called it cramping — after he tried to stop a game-tying penalty shot by Michael Frolik.

Chicago is attempting to become the fourth team in NHL history to win a seven-game series after falling behind 3-0. Philadelphia did it last year against Boston in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

"Anything can happen in Vancouver," said Smith, a rookie who made his NHL debut in October. "I'm just trying to take a deep breath every once in awhile. ... They've got some great players. It's nerve-racking when they've got the puck." (AP)

In Brief



The Fiesta Bowl hosted the BCS National Championship game in January.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Panel Members Attend Bowl-Sponsored Retreat

Nine of the 11 members of an NCAA panel that will help decide the Fiesta Bowl's fate attended a bowl-sponsored retreat that included free meals, resort rooms and golf outings. The nine names all showed up on a 2008 "Fiesta Frolic" attendee list obtained by Playoff PAC in a public records request. The group provided the list to the AP. (AP)

BASEBALL
Ex-Rangers President Tapped to Run Dodgers

Former Texas Rangers president J. Thomas Schieffer was hired by Commissioner Bud Selig on Monday to run the Los Angeles Dodgers, less than a week after Major League Baseball took over operation of the franchise from owner Frank McCourt. Schieffer, younger brother of "Face the Nation" host Bob Schieffer, took over immediately. In seizing control of the franchise, MLB told the Dodgers that any expenditure of \$5,000 or more would have to be approved. (AP)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
NCAA Rebukes Tressel

In a sharply worded rebuke of Ohio State's Jim Tressel, the NCAA on Monday accused the 10-year coach of withholding information and lying to keep Buckeyes players on the field who had accepted improper benefits from the owner of a tattoo parlor. In a "notice of allegations" sent to the school, the NCAA said Monday that the violations relating to the coach are considered "potential major violations." (AP)

TV Lineup

NATIONALS (7 P.M., MASN2)
The Nats take their .500 record on the road to face the Mets, who dwell at the bottom of the NL East rankings.

NBA PLAYOFFS (7:30 P.M., NBATV; 8 P.M., 10:30 P.M., TNT) Three Game 5s tip off in the first round. First the Magic tries to stave off elimination at home against the Hawks. Next the Bulls look to take out the Pacers. In the late game, the Hornets go back to Los Angeles to battle the Lakers.

STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS (7:30 P.M., 10 P.M., VERSUS) Two Game 7s drop the puck in the conference quarterfinals. First, the Sabres try to upset the Flyers on the road. Then the Blackhawks try to pull off an improbable four straight against the No. 1-seeded Canucks.

Sources: Hobbs Done at GWU

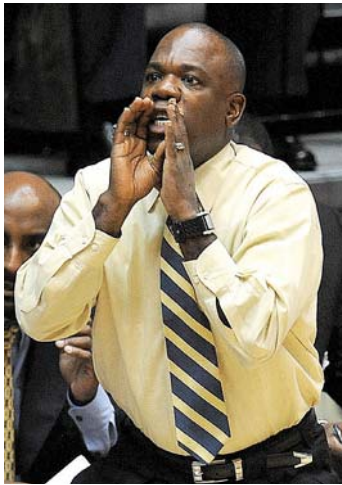
Head coach called emergency meeting to tell players decision

College Hoops

Karl Hobbs will not coach the George Washington men's basketball team next season, two individuals with knowledge of the situation said Monday.

Hobbs called an emergency team meeting Monday afternoon and told the players he is resigning, according to both individuals, who did not wish to be identified because of the sensitive nature of the situation.

Hobbs coached 10 seasons at George Washington, guiding the



Karl Hobbs coached 10 seasons at GWU. Its last NCAA appearance was in 2006.

Colonials to three-consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances

from 2004 to 2006. But the team had fallen on hard times since then, with back-to-back losing seasons (9-17 in 2007-08 and 10-18 in 2008-09).

The past two seasons, George Washington went 16-15 and 17-14, respectively.

The Colonials, playing at home, were upset by Saint Joseph's on March 8 in the first round of this season's Atlantic 10 tournament.

Last week, George Washington hired Patrick Nero, formerly the commissioner of the America East conference, as its new athletic director, replacing Jack Kvancz, who is retiring June 30 after 17 years in Foggy Bottom. JOSH BARR AND MARK GIANNOTTO (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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The amount of money Nebraska football coach Bo Pelini will make in 2014, said athletic director Tom Osborne. Pelini was given a new five-year contract to ward off suitors Monday. Pelini's contract gives him an immediate \$425,000 raise, to \$2.775 million, and will pay him more than \$3 million a year starting in 2014. (AP)

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1 You do not like the person you become when you're around that friend.

Maybe you feel passive-aggressive or even downright aggressive, or you notice that you have a sharper edge to you. Perhaps you feel petty or jealous, or must admit that you don't really seem to want the best for your friend. This may manifest itself not just in regular flickers of jealousy but in an overarching feeling that you don't want her to succeed.



2 Your friend does not seem to appreciate the person you are.

You find yourself constantly embarrassed by how late you sleep or how big your feet are or the fact that you couldn't tell anise from arsenic. You feel underappreciated for your real self and have a nagging urge to cover up what you perceive to be your "flaws." (Or maybe you want to flaunt them aggressively in your friend's face, just to get some pleasure from getting on her nerves.) You're embarrassed when you say the wrong thing, or "screw up" something (which seems to happen a lot), or you have the nagging feeling that your friend seems to appreciate you only conditionally.



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5 Your friend is bringing out bad behaviors in you.

When you're around her, you drink a lot more, feel your creativity stifled, try too hard to conform, or perhaps become more cruel and dishonest. Maybe there are more tangible markers, like your job or grades are more in jeopardy the more time you spend with this person. Either way, this reeks of "bad influence."



The Doctor Is In

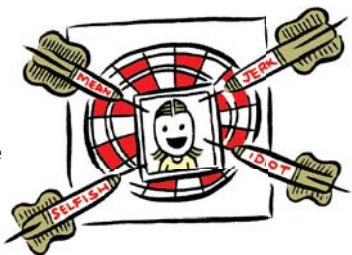


If you need advice about how to handle your bestie's awful spouse or helping a friendship survive past college into the real world, today's the day to get it. Dr. Andrea Bonior will be chat-

ting live online at washingtonpost.com at 11 this morning. Or catch her reading and speaking at Barnes & Noble (555 12th St. NW; 202-347-0176; Barnesandnoble.com) tonight at 6:30.

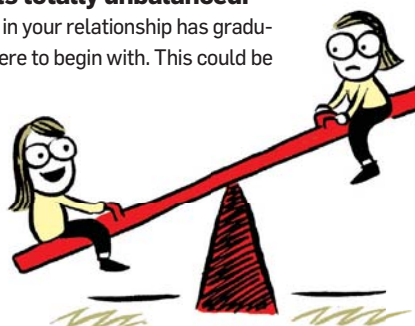
3 The words you would use to describe that friend are not flattering.

You find yourself dwelling on unfavorable characteristics or making fun of the person in your head. You feel condescension or resentment toward her, not just from one particular event, but in general. You're not laughing with her — you're laughing at her. Let's be honest: You just don't seem to like her anywhere.



4 The friendship feels totally unbalanced.

You feel that reciprocity in your relationship has gradually been lost or was never there to begin with. This could be because you feel that you are pulling all the weight in the relationship. Other times, it's that someone is always trying to do so much for you, and you don't feel as interested in returning the favor; her kindness feels more like a burden than a gift.



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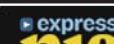
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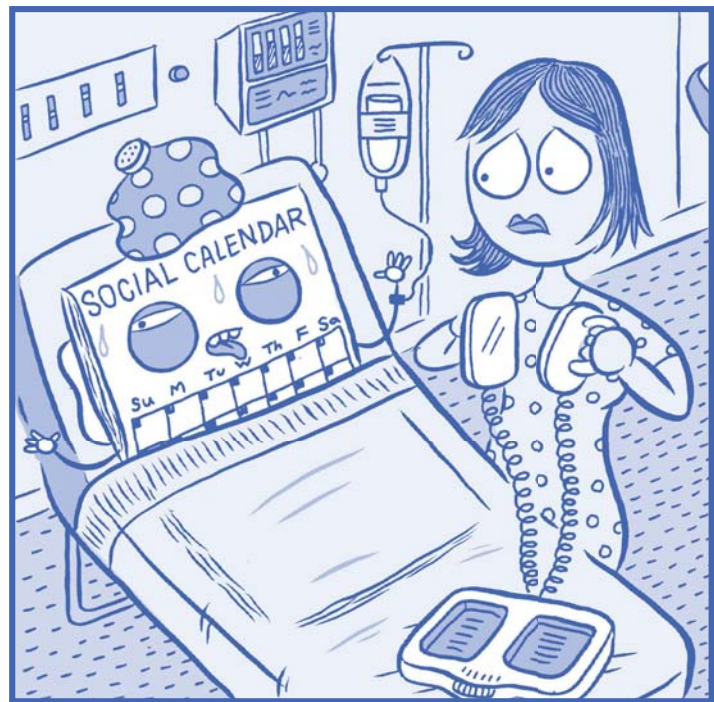
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It's not the honeymoon that dreams are made of, but if you're both on the same page about the necessity and logistics of the move, it certainly isn't a doomsday scenario. It will work out best if you spell out parameters clearly in advance: Who commutes where, and how often? How frequently, and by what methods, will you communicate? How long will you allow the arrangement to go on before one of you actively looks for something new? Where are you on the possibility of children in the next few years?

It's a lot to digest, sure. But with proper planning and communication, it can also be an adventure for both of you.

Always Host, Never Guest

Q I've made numerous attempts over the past few years to court other couples and mothers in our neighborhood. I've invited them to playdates, parties and brunches we've hosted, but although everyone's happy to come over, they never think to return the invitation. I'm starting to feel frustrated and lonely. Is everyone out there so busy that they don't want to connect with new people? **TIRED OF TRYING**

This is a common quandary — how to get friendships to take, after everyone's taken your omelets. It could be you're not picking up on their too-passive follow-ups, you're not giving them enough time to reciprocate or just that you're choosing well-disguised jerks.

I also wonder whether by searching for whole families to mesh with yours, you're biting off a bit too much and making recip-

rocating a more complex prospect. Here are two quick solutions. Try to build a small group in which reciprocating is part of the premise — a book club, a roving happy hour or a potluck. Or try focusing more deeply on activities that interest you, to meet people a little better aligned and to have a more naturally occurring foundation of getting together (and get to do something more fun in the process).



By Dr. Andrea Bonior



Send your questions to Dr. Andrea Bonior at readexpress@baggage.com. Andrea is a local clinical psychologist and author of the new book "The Friendship Fix" (Friendshipfix.com).

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Moving Meal

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Crack the Case Of Diet Drinks

No sugar, no higher risk of diabetes, says a new Harvard study

Beverages

For years, experts have wondered whether drinking too much diet soda can cause diabetes. But now, we may finally have a definitive answer.

Drinking diet soda is not associated with type 2 diabetes — at least, not if you account for the person's other health factors, according to a new study in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*. On the other hand, this research also found that consuming regular, sugary soft drinks is linked to the condition.

After years of watching studies find an association between diet drinks and diabetes, researchers at the Harvard School of Public Health finally decided to do some research of their own.

After all, says research fellow Lawrence de Koning, Ph.D., it made perfect sense that sugar-sweetened drinks could hurt your health — the frequent sugar rushes could cause insulin resistance over time — but it made no sense how drinks without sugar could also be linked to diabetes. So De Koning and his colleagues took data from a 20-year study of more than 40,000 men from the Boston area, which tracked each subject's eating, drinking and health habits. At the end of the study,

2,680 of the men had been diagnosed with the disease.

The researchers found that with each daily serving of a sugar-sweetened beverage — a can of regular soda, for example — their diabetes risk rose by 16 percent. And, at first glance, it looked like the people who quaffed diet drinks also showed a risk for diabetes.

However, when they looked at each man's health more closely — such as examining their BMI levels, dieting history, high triglycerides, high blood pressure and family history — they discovered that there

was no link between diet sodas and diabetes.

One reason: De Koning and his colleagues suggest that diet drinkers might be trying to make a change because they're already in poor health. "People drinking diet soda might be dieting because they know they're already at an increased risk for health problems," he says.

So what about the idea that sugary drinks just make you crave more of the sweet stuff? Scientists

have never actually proved that, De Koning says. It's just one theory for why diet beverages were linked to diabetes. (Keep in mind, De Koning's research doesn't disprove this mechanism either.)

An even better choice than diet soda is coffee, De Koning says. In the study, each daily cup of coffee was associated with a 17 percent lower risk of diabetes. **CHRISTEN BROWNLEE** (REPRINTED WITH PERMISSION OF MEN'S HEALTH MAGAZINE © RODALE INC.)



A daily Diet Coke habit won't necessarily cause you to have type 2 diabetes.

Recipe File

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Ingredients

- ▶ 1 tablespoon olive oil
- ▶ 1 medium red onion, diced
- ▶ 1 red bell pepper, cored and diced
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- ▶ 2 cloves garlic, minced
- ▶ 25-ounce jar marinara sauce
- ▶ 8-ounce bottle clam juice
- ▶ 2/3 cup dry white wine
- ▶ Pinch red pepper flakes or to taste
- ▶ 1/4 teaspoon dried basil
- ▶ 1/4 teaspoon dried oregano
- ▶ 3/4 pound Pacific cod, cut into 1-inch pieces



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- ▶ 3/4 pound medium to large raw shrimp, peeled and deveined
- ▶ 1/4 cup chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley, plus more for garnish

Makes Six Servings

In a large skillet or saucepan over medium-high, heat the oil.

Add the onion and both peppers, then saute until softened, about five minutes. Add the garlic and cook another minute.

Stir in the marinara sauce, clam juice, wine, red pepper flakes, basil and oregano. Simmer, uncovered, for 10 minutes.

Add the cod and simmer for five minutes.

Add the shrimp and parsley, and simmer until the shrimp are opaque and cooked through, about another three minutes.

Serve immediately, garnished with a sprinkle of chopped parsley. (AP)

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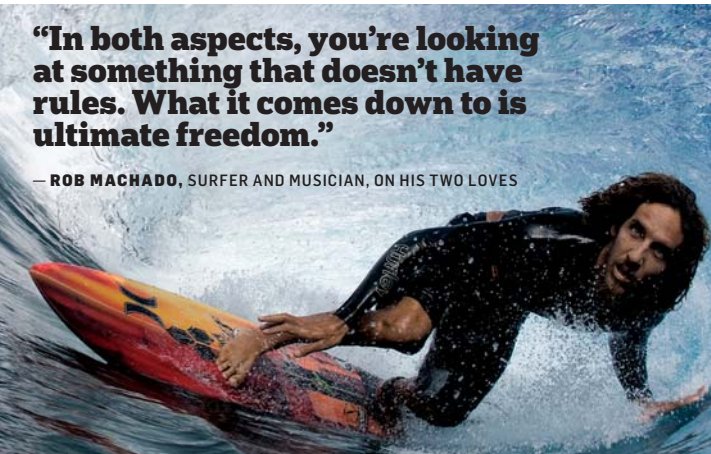
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In this scene from the film "Melali," surfer Rob Machado rides a spectacular wave.

The Chairman Of the Boards

Surfer Rob Machado channels his love for water through music

Interview

There's a good reason Rob Machado's never been to D.C. — the surfing here is terrible. But that's not going to stop one of the sport's most recognizable athletes from making waves at National Geographic Live on Saturday for an evening celebrating the relationship between surf movies and music.

"In both aspects, you're looking at something that doesn't have rules. What it comes down to is ultimate freedom," says Machado, who stars in both of the films being screened, 2010's "Castles in the Sky" and "Melali: The Drifter Sessions." Neither has any dialogue, just gorgeous shots of the world's top talents showing off what they can do. Of course, those views are accompanied by atmospheric, instrumental-heavy sound tracks.

For "Melali," a collection of bonus footage from another film shot in Indonesia, the audience will be treated to a live performance of the tunes by the Melali Sessions Band. That's headed by — you guessed it — Machado. He's man-

aged to find time to cultivate both talents due to Mother Nature's interference with his surfing. "Waves aren't going to be good all of the time," Machado says.

The funny thing about Machado's passion for music is that he only really needs the sounds of the sea. Although the 37-year-old's already earned a spot in the Surfers Hall of Fame, the sport continues to fascinate him. "I can come down to the same beach, and it's different every time," he says.

It can be even better, he admits, when he gets to expand his horizons, as he did in Indonesia. The audience will get to see Machado ride what he deems one of the best waves in the world. "It's dramatic, fickle, big, fun to watch," he says. "It was like a dream come true." Albeit, an exhausting one. "When the waves are good, you don't come in until you break down," says Machado, who regularly spent five to eight hours in the water a day.

So what'll he do when he's in town and can't be on a board? "I'll be cruising around," he says. Bet that could be fun to watch, too.

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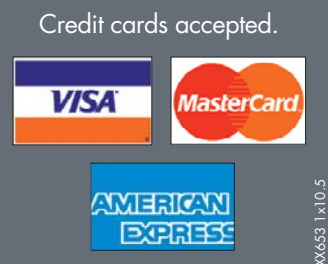
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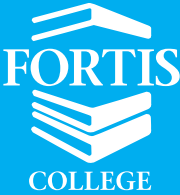
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Alternative bands in the '80s dug up '60s psychedelic rock and tweaked it for the post-punk age. As I witnessed Friday at the Black Cat, indie bands such as Crystal Stilts still rummage through the '60s-rock fakebook — or rather, the catalogs of '80s bands who borrowed from it — and they're



By Christopher Porter

routinely considered the alternative to mainstream (even if the Top 40 often has more novel ideas). But borrowing isn't a bad thing; A Velvet Underground, above, or Miles Davis comes only once in a lifetime, but such singular artists will inspire for eternity. Maybe the 2000s are a post-epoch age for music, but that doesn't mean a tremendous amount of great bands don't exist. When I hear someone dismiss a group solely because it sounds like somebody else, I wonder whether he or she applies the same standards to other disciplines. Does he wander through the "Dutch Landscapes and Seascapes of the 1600s" section of the National Gallery of Art and, with a wave of a hand, say, "Dirt, water, pffft?"

Some modern bands may sound eerily similar to others from 30 and 40 years ago, but a song brimming with personality and style is timeless, no matter the era it evokes.

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Musical Memoirs

Rock star autobiographies tend to come in three varieties: the un-juicy and excessively literary (Bob Dylan's "Chronicles: Volume One"); the take-no-prisoners tell-all (anything about Motley Crue); and those (like Keith Richards' "Life") that split the difference, wrapping their explosive revelations in a fig leaf of literary respectability. This season's most anticipated musical biographies and memoirs draw from each category. We've rounded up the most notable ones, and reviewed and ranked them on a salaciousness level from 1 to 10, with 1 being Miley Cyrus' "Miles to Go" and 10 being the legendary Led Zeppelin tell-all "Hammer of the Gods," which is still banned in libraries all over the world. **ALLISON STEWART (THE WASHINGTON POST)**



Sammy Hagar

"Red: My Uncensored Life in Rock," by Hagar with Joel Selvin

Basics: The former Van Halen frontman co-pens a scorched-earth memoir about life in the band. No drunken rampage is left unexamined.

Villains: Eddie Van Halen (he drank so much his teeth turned black, Hagar claims), aliens (they abducted him one time), David Lee Roth.

Sample: "[Eddie] told me he cured [his tongue cancer] by having pieces of his tongue liquified and injected into his body. ... What a fruitcake."

Random fact: During one Van Halen tour, tents were set up underneath the stage for quickies with groupies during Eddie's guitar solos.

Scandal meter: 8



Kara DioGuardi

"A Helluva High Note: Surviving Life, Love, and 'American Idol,'" by DioGuardi

Basics: The songwriter discusses her struggle with an eating disorder, her unhappy stint on "Idol" and the stories behind some of her most famous songs.

Villains: "Idol" executives, Simon Cowell, Ashlee Simpson.

Sample: "I had a new perspective on Simon. I wasn't going to tiptoe around him. If he spoke to me, cool; if he didn't it was his problem."

Random fact: DioGuardi praises her collaborators (such as Pink and Gwen Stefani). Only Simpson, who DioGuardi says took credit for a song they co-wrote, is criticized.

Scandal meter: 4



Albert "Prodigy" Johnson

"My Infamous Life: The Autobiography of Mobb Deep's Prodigy," by Johnson and Laura Checkoway

Basics: The legendary rapper unsentimentally details a life of beefs, brawls and murders during the heyday of East Coast hip-hop.

Villains: Suge Knight, Jay-Z, sickle-cell anemia, Snoop Dogg.

Sample: "Then Ja Rule walked into the party in a loosely knitted sweater with his nipples practically popping out of the spaces in the knit."

Random fact: One of Johnson's distant relatives founded Morehouse College, and his mom was a member of '60s girl group the Crystals.

Scandal meter: 5



SARAH FRIEDMAN AND GETTY IMAGES

Scott Weiland

"Not Dead & Not for Sale: A Memoir," by Weiland with David Ritz

Basics: Out May 17, the Stone Temple Pilots leader writes about drug addiction, recovery and his ex-wife. Weiland comes off as more likable on the page than he ever has in life.

Villains: Perla Hudson, the wife of Weiland's former bandmate Slash; Weiland.

Sample: On facing evil spirits while in the throes of drug addiction: "The dark presences made themselves known physically. There was stomping; there were actual forms facing me, the faces of skeletons."

Random fact: Forsberg wrote a dueling memoir of mental illness and drug addiction, "Fall to Pieces."

Scandal meter: 6



Compiled by Fiona Zublin. For more upcoming events, follow the Top Stops blog at expressnightout.com/topstops.

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1 Happy Returns
The films in the Newseum's Reel Journalism series are sometimes only tangentially about the news. Case in point: "The Philadelphia Story," whose plot involves reporters but is really about a divorced couple reuniting. But we'll allow it, since it means we get to see "Philadelphia Story" (starring Cary Grant, far left; Katharine Hepburn, center; and Jimmy Stewart) again. Alan Greenspan and NBC's Andrea Mitchell host. **Newseum, 555 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 7 p.m., \$15; 888-639-7386, Newseum.com. (Archives)**

2 Dark Victory
We were never able to stomach "goth" music — it always seemed like overproduced whining with too much fake fog involved — but Zola Jesus (the stage name of the already pretty stagily named Nika Roza Danilova) brings such a huge, impressive voice and lack of pretension to the proceedings that we're starting to change our tune. **Red Palace, 1212 H St. NE; 8:30 p.m., \$14; 202-399-3201, Redpalacedc.com.**

3 Land of the Free Verse
All the focus on British royalty this week has made us envious. Let's focus on American royalty for a second: Caroline Kennedy, pictured, will read from her collection of poetry — which she selected, rather than authored — today. The event starts at 7 p.m., but organizers will begin handing out wristbands at 5 p.m., so plan to get there early. **Barnes & Noble Tysons Corner, 1961 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, Va.; 7 p.m., free; 703-506-2937.**



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Unlike for past albums, Emmylou Harris wrote most of the songs on "Hard Bargain."

Another Stop On a Long Ride

Emmylou Harris finds solace in reflection on a subdued new CD



Hard Bargain
 Emmylou Harris

Album Review

For an album about life's journey, Emmylou Harris wrote most of the songs herself. Long celebrated as an interpreter with impeccable taste in material, Harris composed 11 of the 13 tunes on "Hard Bargain," and they're up to her high standards.

There's a theme throughout: Time is flying by, the sun is going down, and Harris has spent her life "working on the blues." Nearly 40 years after the death of country-rock pioneer Gram Parsons, she offers a fresh assessment of their close relationship on "The Road." Harris sings with equal eloquence on "Darlin' Kate" about another friend and singer who died last year, Kate McGarrigle.

Harris finds dignity in late-life solitude on "Nobody" and the gorgeous "Lonely Girl." On "My Name Is Emmett Till," she contemplates the years stolen from the young man whose killing became a symbol of the civil rights movement.

Harris still performs in cowboy boots, but she branched out beyond country music some time ago, and there's little twang here. The album was recorded with producer-guitarist Jay Joyce and multi-instrumentalist Giles Reaves, and the trio create the sort of gauzy, soft-focus sound Harris first explored on "Wrecking Ball" in 1995. Her silvery soprano is in fine form, and, as always, her songs benefit from contributions by the world's greatest harmony singer: Harris. **STEVEN WINE (AP)**



Nintendo Plans New Console

The successor to Nintendo's Wii will arrive next year, with a playable model of the new console premiering at June's Electronic Entertainment Expo in Los Angeles. Nintendo has dominated sales of video game consoles and sold 86 million Wiis since launching it in 2006.

The system caused a splash with its innovative motion-sensing controller when it arrived but has since shown its age. **(AP)**

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8:00

Repo Games Repo men Josh Lewis, right, and Tom Detone, left, travel the country offering debtors a deal: Answer trivia questions correctly and the car that's about to be repossessed is paid off, and the debtor gets to keep it.



CW
9:00

Hellcats Marti takes on her first case representing a student in Honor Court but discovers a personal connection to the matter. Red's ex-wife is hired to dig up dirt on the school's athletic programs and staff.

FOOD
9:00

Have Cake Will Travel This new series follows Ashley Vicos and her entourage across the country, where they create amazing cakes for a variety of occasions, including music festivals and Mardi Gras.

TLC
10:30

What the Sell?! In "God Save the Queen," the first of a pair of back-to-back royal-themed new episodes tied to Prince William's upcoming wedding, the women have the opportunity to purchase undies once owned by the late British monarch. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



Another Singing Contest

THE VOICE

NBC
9:00

NBC kicks off its musical competition "The Voice" tonight. Judges (from left) Cee Lo Green, Christina Aguilera, Adam Levine and Blake Shelton evaluate talents at a blind audition. Each chooses eight hopefuls to mentor as they vie for a recording contract and \$100,000. (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Tributes



'Glee' Goes Gaga

The New Directions learn a lesson in self-acceptance via the music of Lady Gaga, above, in this new 90-minute "Glee" (8 p.m., Fox) episode. Lauren and Quinn square off in the prom queen competition. Rachel struggles with a decision that could change her life. (TM)

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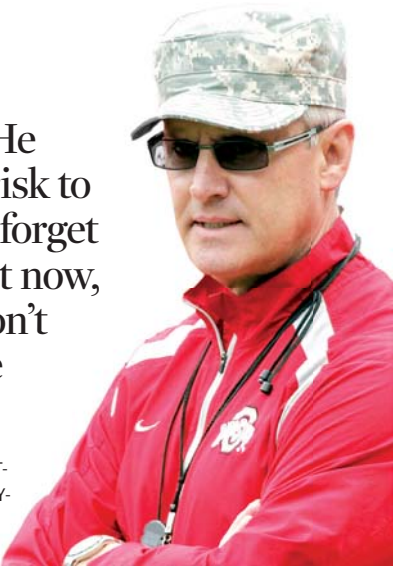


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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your positive attitude serves you well and can keep someone else from sinking into an emotional rut.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) After a rough start, you should experience smooth sailing, provided you have charted your course in a detailed fashion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Someone you only recently met is likely to play an important role in your affairs, but the results of his or her involvement may be unclear.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You are likely to face a challenge that requires you to dig deep into your bag of tricks. A past experience lights the way for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may be offered a rare opportunity, and your instincts tell you to accept the offer. What is holding you back?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You don't want to come up short, so be sure to have as many tools at the ready as you can. A question of policy is likely to arise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You're going to want more information than you have been given, and you may have to play a more aggressive game in order to get it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Things that are more complicated than expected don't have to be addressed immediately, but you mustn't postpone them indefinitely.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Independence is an issue you are grappling with at this time, but a loved one knows that certain ties cannot be severed just yet.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) A strong start wins you the respect of your closest competitors, but a rival you haven't considered is likely to pose a challenge.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Avoid doing something that may be misinterpreted; you mustn't let others think that you are not on your game in any way.

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 145-155, BEST SCORE 216

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RACK 1

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RACK 2

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3rd Letter Double

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RACK 3

A ₁	A ₁	U ₁	L ₁	S ₁	C ₃	C ₃

Triple Word Score

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Yesterday's Solution

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RACK 4 = 89
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Yesterday's Solution

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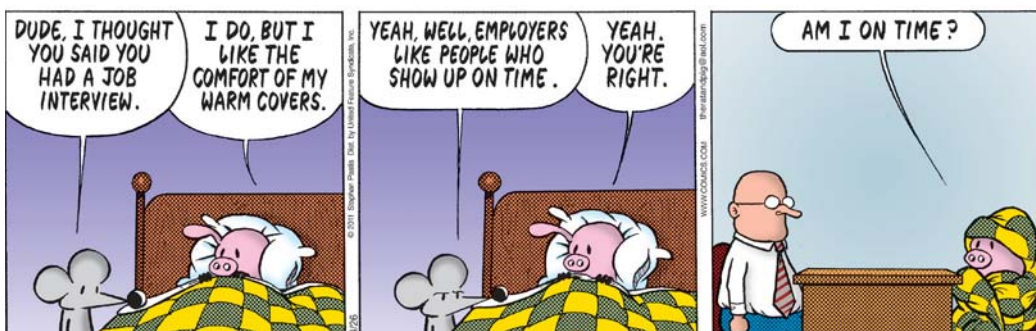
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Today: Warm today with some sun. A thunderstorm in spots late tonight.

81 | **63**

Tomorrow: Clouds and sun tomorrow. Strong thunderstorms late tomorrow night.

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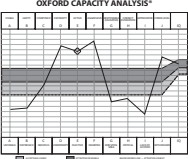
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Sunrise today: 6:17 a.m.
Sunset today: 7:55 p.m.
Moonrise today: 2:50 a.m.
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- 5 Big potato container
- 9 Rub it in
- 14 Innovator's inspiration
- 15 Shortly, to Shakespeare
- 16 State-run game of chance
- 17 Reach the lowest point
- 20 Auto maintenance job
- 21 Rower's tool
- 22 Optimism
- 23 Youngest of Alcott's March sisters
- 24 Apprehend, as a perpetrator
- 26 Computer input
- 28 "Should ____ acquaintance be forgot ..."
- 30 "El ____" (Wayne film)
- 34 Woolly lady of the sea
- 37 Arctic Circle native
- 39 Unyielding
- 40 Emulate a leaf in late autumn
- 44 Leg bone
- 45 One of a triangle's three
- 46 Winding road's shape
- 47 Stop, as a flow
- 49 Arrive back at the airport
- 51 Crotchety old-timer
- 53 Dispense untruths
- 54 Dad's boy
- 57 Use acid to make art
- 60 "Here's to you, ____ Robinson ..."
- 62 Benefits of wealth, in economics
- 64 Prepare to pray in a hurry
- 67 Video may be confusing without it
- 68 Whittle
- 69 Tidy
- 70 "I never ____ to hurt you"
- 71 Breakfast staples
- 72 Some eagles

DOWN

- 1 Panorama
- 2 Dislike, plus
- 3 Controversial comedian Bruce

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- 4 Scene attempt
- 5 Brazil's biggest city
- 6 Picnic invader
- 7 Small- to mid-size salmon
- 8 Work dough
- 9 Day-____ paint
- 10 Casanova
- 11 "Beetle Bailey" pooch
- 12 At the peak of
- 13 Large reference book
- 18 Melt material
- 19 Pitt in films
- 25 Sheepish comments
- 27 Unit of pressure
- 29 Certain high deg.
- 31 Cause of some shaking and fever
- 32 Loud noises
- 33 Track figures
- 34 Some former tadpoles
- 35 Cool your heels
- 36 Island prison for Napoleon
- 38 Get moving, on a bike
- 41 Key element
- 42 Tex-Mex menu item
- 43 Einsteins
- 48 ____ sapiens (humankind)
- 50 Office necessity
- 52 Figure of speech
- 54 Snide smile
- 55 Continental divider
- 56 Wasps' homes
- 57 Gouda displaymate
- 58 Test answer, at times

- 59 Climactic passage
- 61 Bump in the road
- 63 Author Tyler or Rice
- 65 Young'un
- 66 Work measurement unit

Yesterday's Solution

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Today in History

1961 Roger Maris of the New York Yankees hit the first of his 61 home runs during a 162-game season.

1986 A major nuclear accident occurs at the Chernobyl plant in Ukraine as an explosion and fire cause radioactive fallout to begin spewing into the atmosphere. At least 31 people die fighting the plant fire, but the number of other deaths resulting from the disaster remains in dispute.

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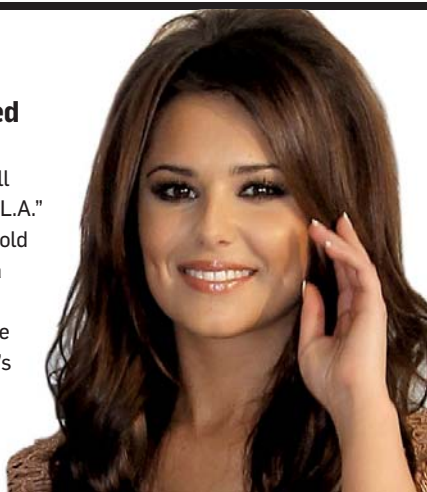
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HOW TO DESCRIBE ...

What a Cupcake Might Look Like Were It Turned Into a Disney Princess

Paula Abdul and Cheryl Cole will join Simon Cowell and Antonio "L.A." Reid on "The X-Factor," Cowell told Deadline Hollywood. Cole was a judge on the original British "X-Factor." "If people take to her like the British public did, I think she's going to do really well in America," Cowell said. (EXPRESS)



ACRONYMS

'WIFE' Stands for 'Wicked, Insensitive, Forgetful Ex'

LeAnn Rimes and Eddie Cibrian married in Malibu, Calif., on Friday in a small private ceremony. Rimes then changed her surname on Twitter and added "WIFE" and "Bonus mom" to her bio (the latter in reference to Cibrian's two sons). Rimes called Sunday "my first Easter as a WIFE!" in a tweet, despite having been married to Dean Sheremet for eight years. (EXPRESS)



JASON MERRITT/GETTY IMAGES

Only the love of a beautiful woman could make the marionette a real boy.

Dirtbag Digest**Ex-Husband to Fight Ex-Father**

John Wayne Bobbit, ex-husband of Lorena Bobbit, and Michael Lohan will face off in a boxing match (three one-minute rounds) on June 4 in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Radaronline.com reported. "It should be a very interesting match!" said Celebrity Boxing founder Damon Feldman. The event raises money for teens addicted to drugs and alcohol. (EXPRESS)

"She'll be doing basic janitorial work. She won't be handling any dead bodies, but she'll certainly see them."



— CORONER ASSISTANT CHIEF ED WINTER TELLS PEOPLE.COM WHAT LINDSAY LOHAN WILL BE DOING FOR HER COMMUNITY SERVICE AT THE L.A. MORGUE.



Elton seems to seemingly be struggling to seem to like the seemingly nice Kate.

LITERARY TECHNIQUES

Subtle Undercutting Via Overuse of Word 'Seems'

In an interview on "Good Morning America" Monday, Elton John said he thought Princess Diana "would be very happy" with her son's choice of Kate Middleton as his wife: "She seems like such a great girl, and they seem so much in love." "People criticize it and say we're making too much of it," he continued. "But it's about love, and in this day and age, anything that's about love and positivity is a welcome relief." (EXPRESS)



SERIOUSLY

Book's Title Is Not a Joke

Levi Johnston is writing a memoir slated for release this fall by Touchstone Publishing, Usmagazine.com reported. The book, called "Deer in the Headlights: My Life in Sarah Palin's Crosshairs," will give "an inside glimpse to his relationship with the Palins and share his trials and tribulations of being thrust into the spotlight and becoming a father at such a young age," an unnamed source rambled. "I'm doing this for me, for my boy, Tripp, and for the country," Johnston, 20, said in a statement. (EXPRESS)

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